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Inmates Helping Hot Springs Schools

(Pierre) - State prison inmates are working on several buildings in the Hot Springs school district this summer.

Fifty inmates will replace 25-thousand square feet of floor tile in the high school, middle school, elementary school and a rural school in the district.

The inmates have set up temporary living quarters in the Case Auditorium. They moved in to the school over the past weekend.

"The inmates will work on the school projects during the day and sleep in the school at night," says Jim Raysor, Director of Community Service for the Department of Corrections.

All of the inmates are classified as minimum security and have earned trusty status.

"This is a great example of how the state can partner with units of local government to benefit one another," says Secretary of Corrections Tim Reisch. "We appreciate the school district's willingness to be such gracious hosts."

There are more than 700 inmates housed at minimum security facilities in the prison system that are doing community service work, on work release status or working for state and local government agencies in South Dakota.